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1. US 3,034,374
2. US 4,850,242
3. DE 101 01 220 A1 (has English Equivalent application US 2004/0083847 A1)
4. DE 100 28 117 A1 (English abstract provided)

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5. DE 101 34 569 C2 (has English Equivalent application US 6,880,426)
6. DE 34 13 030 C2 (has English Equivalent application US 4,621,538)

Documents 1-3 were cited in the ISR. Document 4-5 were cited in the German Office communication dated July 19, 2004. Document 5 was mentioned in the specification of the instant application.

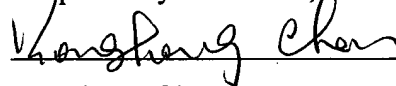
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